

Empress of Russia to M. Simolin

May 18 1783 (705)

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Translation.

M<sup>r</sup>. Simolin Privy Counsellor,

I wish to take into my Service  
Capt. John Knowles with the Rank of Rear  
Admiral; You will let him know it, and  
after having acquainted yourself with  
his Terms You will fix with him the  
Time of his Departure; meanwhile, as my  
Intention is to procure for my Service,  
some able Sea Officers, who You suppose  
may be found among the Lieutenants  
and other Officers of that Country, I give  
you leave, with the Advice of people at  
your place who are acquainted with those  
Matters,

From the Empress of Russia  
to Monsieur Simolin

18<sup>th</sup> May 1783.

Matters, and that of said Captain Knowles,  
to invite them thereto; and agreeing with  
them about the Terms, You will let me  
know the Sum necessary for their Passage.

(Signed)

Catharina.

Larsko Selo

10. May 1703.